

HONORING OF THE MAGNIFICAT  
HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Magnificat volleyball team for their tremendous accomplishments this year. Their spirit and good sportsmanship throughout the season has inspired us all.

Magnificat, an all girls, Catholic high school in Rocky River, Ohio, sent their Bluestreaks off to the state volleyball tournament for the first time since 1991. Their theme this year was "to get the monkey off their back" and make it out of regionals. Since 1993, when Jenny Kathe took over the team, the Bluestreaks have made it to regionals each year, but never advanced. In order to keep their goal in focus and still have fun, they incorporated monkeys into everything. There were stuffed monkeys everywhere, as well as monkey logos on shirts and practice shorts.

The girls were able to truly get the monkey off their back by becoming, first, the District Champions, and then the regional Champions for Division I. While at the State Championships, Jenny Kathe was named Coach of the Year for Division I volleyball as they went on to capture the title of State Runner-up. The girls closed their season with the dignity and excellence that makes us all very proud of them.

Throughout the year, the girls showed team spirit, togetherness, and good sportsmanship. This year they were an extremely close knit team. There was never a moment when an individual was singled out. They shared their successes together, as well as their few defeats. They showed courage and strength both on and off the court. The team should be a role model for all sports team today.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating this extraordinary group of girls and their coaches, parents and classmates who cheered them on and made this year a tremendous one.

TRIBUTE TO MIODRAG "JOE"  
DJOKIC**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell you an amazing story of a man who conquered great adversity in life and emerged as a fine American citizen. Miodrag "Joe" Djokic tragically passed away recently in his home in Collbran, Colorado. Though he is gone, he will live in the hearts of all who knew him and be remembered for many years by those who have heard his amazing story.

Joe's story begins in 1912, in Sarbanovac, Serbia. As a young man, he was drafted into the Yugoslav Army to fight in World War II. Soon after the fighting broke out, he was captured by the German Army and taken to a labor camp. He was repeatedly moved from

camp to camp across Central Europe. Eventually, he ended up in a displaced persons camp in West Germany where he and his wife, Helena, remained until 1951.

To fulfill his dream of becoming an American citizen, he gathered up his family and moved to Colorado. There he worked countless hours as a farmer and a dedicated father. Although his accomplishments in life were many, none were as weighty as the legacy that he leaves in his family. He is survived by his wife, Helena, their son, Sveto, his wife, Anne, and their daughter. These fine people will undoubtedly carry on the legacy of hard work and dedication to their family that their father embodied.

Although his life's accomplishments will long be remembered and admired, most who knew him well will remember Joe, above all else, as a friend. It is clear that the multitude of those who have come to know Joe as a friend will be worse off in his absence. However, Mr. Speaker, I am confident that, in spite of this profound loss, Joe's family and friends can take solace in the knowledge that each is a better person for having known him.

TRIBUTE TO THE TOASTMASTERS  
INTERNATIONAL AND SAVANNAH  
TOASTMASTERS CLUB 705**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, since October 1924 over three million men and women have benefitted from the superb communication and leadership programs of the Toastmasters. I am one of those 3 million. Today, I want to recognize Toastmasters International now in their 75th year of existence, and wish to commend the Savannah, Georgia, Toastmasters Club 705 on their own 50th anniversary.

Seventy-five years ago, Dr. Ralph C. Smedley, met with a group of men in the basement of a YMCA in Santa Ana, California and formed a club "to afford practice and training in the art of public speaking and in presiding over meetings, and to promote sociability and good fellowship among its members." Since 1924 that small group of men has grown into a remarkable non-profit organization with over 174,900 members representing 8,642 clubs in more than 60 countries around the world.

Toastmasters International has been referred to as "the world's premier self-improvement club." Through seventy-five years, millions of men and women have improved their leadership skills, self-confidence and communications abilities through the public speaking programs of Toastmasters International. "Home Improvements" star Tim Allen, Miss America 1996 Tara Dawn Holland, and Georgia Senator Sam Nunn are credited with being "celebrity Toastmasters". But it is our local businesses, Governments, and communities that benefit from the abilities gained by those who chose to become better listeners, thinkers, and speakers through involvement in this organization.

The Savannah, Georgia, Toastmasters Club 705, was chartered in 1949 and recently cele-

brated their 50th Anniversary. The third oldest of 179 chapters in Georgia, Club 705 members pride themselves on the long history of the organization, their outstanding members, and their standards of conduct that have improved many an individuals communications and leadership skills. The old stories of the six foot tall street traffic light that was used as a timer, the Claxon that provided a deafening overtime sound, or the infamous "AH Bucket" a tin can into which marbles were thrown whenever a speaker used a "non-word" reflect some of the tools of the trade to build talent in a fun, exciting atmosphere.

Over the passed 50 years the many members of Club 705 have developed their talents over time and have mentioned many a rookie in their communications ability. These are extraordinary members like Fred Stephens, Dick Piazza, Jack Homans, Bill Kearny, Maggie Edinfield, Linda Cole, the current senior member Neil Bodenstein, and many others. Rookies like myself sincerely appreciate what Toastmasters has done for us and for our communities, improving the listening, thinking, and speaking abilities of millions through their dedication and time. Special thanks to the current officers of Club 705; President Earl Berksteiner, Vice Presidents Peggy Keisker Gunn and Teresa Martinez, Secretary Debbie Cameron, Treasurer Michael Dubberly, and Sergeants at Arms Mark Stall and Neil Bodenstein. Congratulations to Toastmasters International and to Savannah Club 705—Happy Anniversary—here's to you!

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, November 16, 1999, I was with my father, who had open-heart surgery in the hospital, and therefore was unavoidably absent for rollcall votes 587 through 595. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 587, "yes" on rollcall vote 588, "yes" on rollcall vote 589, "no" on rollcall vote 590, "yes" on rollcall vote 591, "yes" on rollcall vote 592, "yes" on rollcall vote 593, "yes" on rollcall vote 594, and "no" on rollcall vote 595.

THE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
SOURCING AND PRIVACY ACT**HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Wireless Telecommunications Sourcing and Privacy Act, and am pleased to be joined in introducing this legislation by several of my colleagues, including Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. WILSON and Mr. LARGENT.

This legislation is about nothing other than developing a fairer and simpler way to assign a wireless call to a jurisdiction for tax purposes. Let me be crystal clear at the outset—